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Subject: PR Dept. Of Education Mold Remediation of 457 Schools: UPDATE-PEASE READ

Hello, Everyone,

First of all, I want to thank all of you for agreeing to mobilize and share your network, on such a short notice, to assist PR DE on this effort. I just spoke with Ismael Colon/ PR DE liaison to FEMA who provided an update on PR DE's proposed RFP to conduct mold remediation in 457 schools on the island. The time frame would be 2 weeks over the winter break. PR DE has decided to **hold off** on issuing the RFP for mold remediation as they realize that addressing the source of leaks/moisture must be fixed **first**. According to the initial FEMA visual mold assessments, a majority of the schools have water leakage due to roof damage. So they are proposing to fix the roofs during the winter break.

They will need assistance in getting the word out to roofers, etc on this job opportunity. I mentioned to him that there are various individuals and organizations who are part of the Healthy Homes/Housing/Buildings' initiative and they can assist the PR DE in getting the word out to potential workers.

I also recommended to him that PR DE issue the mold remediation RFP in December for work to begin in February over a 6-12 month period. This will provide an opportunity for long-term work prospects for potential workers; and, allow us to prioritize the mold remediation based on severity utilizing GIS and data tables developed by Dr. Eddie Melendez/ Hunter College. Additionally, it will give us enough time to market the longer term opportunity to workers and then train them appropriately with certification.

He was open to the recommendation, and we can discuss it at our next call scheduled for Thursday Nov. 15th from 4-5pm. I also mentioned to him about checking with FEMA regarding the potential Category B funds that could cover the training costs.

So I am giving you all a heads up, that there is a hold placed on the mold RFP for now. We now have some time to develop a training strategy for the mold remediation, etc.

thanks, again, for everyone's support,
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Agenda

I. Introductions

II. Update on PR DE:

457 schools, remediation time: 14 days, including Sunday: 12/22/18 - 1/8/19

1700 workers, 150 crews with 10 workers

Supervisors: 2 day training (16hrs); Workers 1 day training (8hrs)

Mold assessment has not been done. FEMA did the initial assessment, no work has been done since the disaster.

III. List of current trained resources/assets in PR. How can we mobilize them systematically and strategically?
Marketing strategies?

IV. Sustainable Career Path, PR hires, workforce trained

V. Funding

VI. Next Steps